

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1-11. (Cancelled)**

**12. (Currently amended)** A ~~composition for coating medicines, animal drugs, agricultural chemicals, fertilizers or foods consisting of:~~

— a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein:

the polymerizable vinyl monomer ~~comprises~~ consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, and

the weight ratio of the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500, the methyl methacrylate and the acrylic acid is 60 to 90: 7 to 38: 0.5 to 12.

**13. (Cancelled)**

**14. (Currently amended)** A ~~composition for coating medicines, animal drugs, agricultural chemicals, fertilizers or foods, consisting of:~~

— a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein the polymerizable vinyl monomer ~~comprises~~ consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer.

**15-21. (Cancelled)**

**22. (Currently amended)** The ~~composition~~ copolymer according to claim 14, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolization degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

**23-27. (Cancelled)**

**28. (New)** A composition comprising the copolymer of claim 14, and a medicine, animal drug, agricultural chemical, fertilizer or food component.

**29. (New)** A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the composition according to claim 28.

**30. (New)** The copolymer according to claim 12, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolyzation degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

**31. (New)** A composition comprising the copolymer of claim 12, and a medicine, animal drug, agricultural chemical, fertilizer or food component.

**32. (New)** A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the composition according to claim 31.

**33. (New)** A binder comprising the copolymer of claim 14.